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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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March 29, 2007	<i>Judy Knutson</i>
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2006. Claims 1-43 are pending. Claims 1-43 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 42-43 are said to be drawn to a shaped article, classified in Class 428, subclass 36.9;
- II. Claims 17-32 are said to be drawn to a method of making a porous article, classified in Class 264, subclass 41;
- III. Claims 33-41 are said to be drawn to an ion-conducting membrane, classified in class 429, subclass 12.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the Groups I, II and III claims are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims will reveal art to the other. Moreover, the classification of Groups I, II and III claims in different classes and subclasses is not necessarily sufficient grounds to require restriction.